

# **State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Law Office of the Attorney General Component Budget Summary**

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**Component: Office of the Attorney General**

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Article III, section 25, of the Alaska Constitution provides that the governor appoints the head of each principal department, including the attorney general, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session, and that the head of each principal department serves at the pleasure of the governor.

AS 44.23.010 names the attorney general as the principal executive officer of the Department of Law. In this role, he provides leadership and policy direction to the department in its comportsment of its mission to provide legal services to state government and to prosecute crime.

AS 44.23.020 states that the "attorney general is the legal advisor of the governor and other state officers."

**Core Services**

The Attorney General is the principal executive officer of the Alaska Department of Law. In this role he is responsible for both the legal and the administrative aspects of the department's operations. This component supports the Attorney General and his immediate staff as he carries out his statutorily defined functions.

The Attorney General serves as legal advisor for the governor and other state officers. In addition, the Attorney General is responsible for representing the state in all civil actions to which it is a party; prosecuting all cases involving violation of state law; administering state legal services, including furnishing written legal opinions and giving advice on laws or proposed legislation; drafting legal instruments for the state; and bringing, prosecuting, and defending all necessary actions in the name of the state for the collection of revenue.

Core Services include:

Protect the interests of Alaska citizens and the resources of the state by ensuring that effective, high-quality legal services are provided to state agencies and officers.

Prosecute those who violate state laws.

Assist law enforcement agencies with criminal investigations by providing legal and tactical advice.

Enhance oversight of the department's Indian Law work.

Enhance oversight of the department's oil and gas work.

Reduce fraud in benefit programs.

Represent and defend the state in legal actions.

Implement the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Manage the department's resources effectively and efficiently to provide support for the work of the department's employees.

Participate actively in interdepartmental efforts to improve government services to Alaskans.

### FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2005 Component Budget: \$559,900**

**Personnel:**

Full time	5
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

### Key Component Challenges

See key component challenges at the Department level.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

While the role of the Attorney General remains the same, this budget includes further enhancement of direct oversight of certain areas of law as part of the Attorney General's budget component. To emphasize the importance of the Legislation and Regulations section, that section is transferred in this budget from the Civil Division RDU and added as an additional component to this RDU. An additional attorney to help shorten the turnaround time on requests for drafting and bill review is requested within the Legislation and Regulations component.

An Assistant Attorney General with funding is herein transferred from the Attorney General's component to the Civil Division to head the newly organized Opinions, Appeals, and Ethics section and budget component. Five assistant attorneys general in the Civil Division will also be transferred to the newly created section in this budget document. A further discussion of the role of the Opinions, Appeals and Ethics function is included in the new component budget narrative. The Attorney General will remain as involved with the day to day affairs of the Opinions, Appeals and Ethics section irrespective of its budget location.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

Accomplishments are shown at the Department level.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.23.020

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# Office of the Attorney General Component Financial Summary

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	210.3	462.1	434.1
72000 Travel	30.8	25.0	23.5
73000 Contractual	82.3	141.7	81.4
74000 Supplies	7.8	12.8	10.9
75000 Equipment	8.6	10.0	10.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>339.8</b>	<b>651.6</b>	<b>559.9</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	339.8	651.6	559.9
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>339.8</b>	<b>651.6</b>	<b>559.9</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>651.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>651.6</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-PCN 03-0338 to Opinions, Appeals and Ethics	-145.8	0.0	0.0	-145.8
-Changes to Retirement and Other Personal Services Rates	31.6	0.0	0.0	31.6
-From Legislation/Regulations to adjust vacancy	22.5	0.0	0.0	22.5
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>559.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>559.9</b>

**Office of the Attorney General  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>			<b>Personal Services Costs</b>	
	<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2005 Governor</b>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	323,180
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	124,354
			<i>Less 3.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(13,426)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>434,108</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assoc Attorney II	0	0	1	0	1
Attorney VI	0	0	1	0	1
Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Exec Secretary II	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm II	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>